

forts. The U. P. Freedmen's Mission at this place, superintended by Mr. R. J. Creswell, is doing a most important work. He is looking for a new force of teachers for the present term.

Rev. J. B. Reeve, of your city, has nearly completed his general survey of the religious condition of the Freedmen in Tennessee. He will soon be able to give you a full report of his mission.

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The brethren sent out by the General Assembly are doing valuable service. You may expect a fuller account of them hereafter.

Yours very truly, SAMUEL SAWYER. KNOXVILLE, E. TENN., Sept. 19, 1865.

News of our Churches.

ALLENTOWN, PA.—We see it stated that a call to this vacant pastorate has been accepted by Rev. J. W. Wood, of Easton, in this State.

KENDERTON CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.—This church, situated on Tioga Street, in the northern part of the city, has for a number of years been worshipping in the basement of a good-sized church edifice, the upper part of which has lain unfinished.

We learn with pleasure, that they expect about the first of January, to occupy the audience chamber, perfectly and tastefully finished and furnished. The money for the completion of the building is mostly provided for, chiefly through the liberality of four members of the congregation, Messrs. White, Craven, Clafin, and Megargee.

This enterprise, under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Hendricks, is decidedly improving.

CHRISTIANA, DEL.—Our Church in this pleasant little Delaware town has for some months past enjoyed the labors of Rev. J. Hervey Beale, pastor elect. It is fast rising in pecuniary ability, as well as otherwise, raising now double the late amount toward the support of a pastor.

A festival was recently held to raise means for freeing themselves from debt and repairing the church edifice. In arranging the affair, they set for their mark \$800. It turned out \$1100—a pretty fair disappointment.

PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.—The stated meeting of this body was held in Middletown, Del., on the 27th ult. We shall probably be furnished with a notice of the leading items of business transacted.

In the meantime, we mention the installation of Rev. John Patton, D.D., as pastor of the church in Middletown. Rev. John W. Meach, the Moderator, presided, and propounded the constitutional questions; Rev. William Aikman preached the sermon; Rev. D. G. Mallory delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. G. F. Wiswell that to the congregation.

Arrangements were also made for the ordination of Rev. Thomas M. Cann as an evangelist—the service to take place in Wilmington on the 11th inst.

We also notice as a decidedly interesting part of the business of the Presbytery, the reception of the Elkton, Md., Church, together with its pastor, Rev. H. R. Matthews. The church was formerly connected with this body, but some time previous to the rebellion, took up its lot with a Southern Presbytery, thus bringing itself under the jurisdiction of the Southern United Synod, and afterwards the C. S. A. General Assembly.

It now resumes its former relation, as we are informed, with great satisfaction. Mr. Matthews brought a letter from a Virginia Presbytery, which was disregarded by the Wilmington Presbytery. He was received on evidence of loyalty and ministerial standing.

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We copy another item of business, as illustrative of the wide openings in that field:—

"Whereas, For several years we have been called upon to labor more or less among the Armenians, and several of our church members are Armenians, all of whom understand the Turkish language, in order to be prepared to occupy the field which is thus opening before us.

"Resolved, That in view of the present emergency in Cairo, brother Lansing be requested for the present to devote himself to the study of the Turkish language, and that for this purpose he be relieved as far as possible from other mission duties."

ITEMS.—Rev. Samuel K. Talmadge, D.D., President of Oglethorpe University, died at Midway, near Milledgeville, Ga., on the morning of the 2d inst. The Reformed Presbyterian church's "Freedman's Board" acknowledges donations the amount of \$127, from May 17 to Sept. 1, its members have resigned labor in Alexandria under the most encouraging auspices, and "all that the work now needs is the prayers and contributions of the churches."—Mrs. Jemima G. Titcomb, of Newburyport, Mass., has donated \$1000 to the permanent fund of the O. S. General Assembly for the relief of disabled ministers, and widows and orphans of deceased ministers.—Rev. Dr. J. N. Waddell and Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson, Clerks of the C. S. A. General Assembly, have called on the Southern Presbyteries to send Commissioners to revise said Assembly, to meet in Macon, Ga., on the 14th of December.

Rev. D. P. Lowry has been dismissed from the charge in Freedom, Pa., to give his whole time to Beaver, Pa., between which and Freedom his labors have heretofore been divided.—The Presbyterian Banner is informed that most of the O. S. churches in the region of Lexington, Missouri, are disorganized. They have neither pastors nor elders. At the same time it is an encouraging field for the Missionary Board.—Mr. J. C. McIntosh, a recent graduate of the Allegheny Seminary, was, on the 18th ult., ordained and installed, at Mt. Pleasant, Wayne county, Iowa.—Rev. Peter Gordon, of the United Presbyterian Church, departed this life at Cambridge, Washington county, N. Y., on the 6th ult. His death was peace.—The United Presbytery of Argyle has directed that the churches pay the expenses of their ministers and elders, in attending the meetings of the Presbytery.

CONGREGATIONAL.

CONGREGATIONAL MOVEMENTS IN MISSOURI.—At Brookfield, Linn County, a church has been formed some three months, and its pastor, Rev. G. H. Pratt, is being encouraged by the settlement of several Congregational families within a few weeks. A still larger church has been formed at Iacleda, in the same county. By the faithful efforts of Rev. E. D. Seward, its pastor, there is a growing congregation, a central and mission Sabbath-school. At Chillicothe, the County seat of Livingston County, there is another organization, and a flourishing Sabbath-school under the care of Rev. G. P. Beard. Another church will be found at Cameron, ministered to by Rev. M. Leffingwell, who has been encouraged by the accession of some families recently to his church and congregation. At Kidder, Caldwell County, the seat of the New England colony, is another Puritan Church, to which a pastor from the East is expected to minister, and will remove there soon. In Kingston, the County seat, a church will be found under the supervision of Rev. G. B. Hitchcock. So also, at Easton, Buchanan County, a church has been organized. These places are all growing towns, in the midst of a fruitful farming region.—Congregationalist.

THE WAY TO MAKE ECCLIASTICAL MEETINGS PROFITABLE.—At the late meeting of the Norfolk, Massachusetts, Congregational Conference, an entire day was spent in considering "the conditions of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in the Churches, which were shown to be, Faith in the necessity and efficiency of his operations; recognition of the Church as God's channel of Divine influences; fidelity to covenant vows and purity of discipline; activity; liberality; revealed truth, honored as the sword of the Spirit; personal holiness and believing prayer. These eight points were respectively distributed, and afterwards the Conference celebrated together the Lord's Supper. We look expectantly for the account of revivals in that quarter.

ITEMS.—Mr. Andrew J. Hetrick, lieutenant of New York Fourth Presbytery, was ordained and installed pastor at Westport, Conn., September 14.—Mr. Charles E. Brandt, German, who has been laboring among the Germans in Hartford, Conn., was recently ordained in that city, by a Council.—Mr. Albert Bryant, an Andover graduate, was on the 20th ultimo, ordained in West Medway, Mass., preparatory to going abroad as a missionary of the American Board.—The New York State General Association, at its recent meeting, endorsed the National Council's proposal to raise \$750,000, for church extension, and pledged its efforts towards carrying it out.—Rev. Dr. Bacon, of New Haven, recently preached in his own church "a very able and earnest sermon upon the duties of Christians with reference to equality of rights without regard to color."

EPISCOPAL.

MARYLAND.—At the late convention of the Diocese of Maryland, the Bishop announced the loss by death, since his last annual address, of seven of the clergy, viz: Rev. William E. Wyatt, after a long and languishing illness, and a life of great usefulness to the Church—for many years he had charge of the largest parish in the United States; Rev. Holliday Johns; Rev. Fitch W. Taylor, a Chaplain in the United States Navy; Rev. Samuel R. Sergeant, a successful teacher of youth; Rev. Enoch Dayley, who also supported himself by teaching; Rev. James Gleason, formerly of the Roman Catholic priesthood; and Wm. Christian, young in years but well experienced in the duties of a clergyman. The Bishop further stated that the present number of the clergy was one hundred and sixty, of whom only ninety-six

are engaged in the regular work of the ministry.

SIGNIFICANT ACTION.—In the Chicago Tribune's report of the proceedings of the late Convention of the Diocese of Illinois, we find the following:—"The matter of Grace Church, Galesburg, was called up for consideration. Mr. L. B. Otis, of Trinity Church, Chicago, moved a series of resolutions, severing the connection of this church with the Diocese, for having employed as their minister a presbyter not canonically connected with this Diocese. A debate of considerable length followed, and amendment and substitute to the resolutions were voted down. The question then recurred on the adoption of the original resolution of Mr. Otis, which was carried by a vote as follows:—Clrical votes—Ayes 35; noes 7. Lay votes—Ayes 19; noes 4. Which, being a two-thirds vote of both orders, was declared binding." This action was followed by a resolution, that whenever the exscommunicated parish should acknowledge its disregard of ecclesiastical authority, the Convention was ready to restore it.

ITEMS.—In East Medway, Mass., the Unitarians have pretty much run out, having made their church edifice, the Episcopalians' Christ Church, Shrewsbury, N. J., with some foreign aid, has founded, and is sustaining a school for colored children at Pine Brook in that region. A festival has recently passed off in connection with the raising of a bell upon the house built for the double purpose of chapel and school.—In connection with the recent meeting of the Maryland Diocesan Convention, a meeting was held at St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, and an association organized under the name of the Baltimore Concert of Relief for the Episcopal churches and clergy in the South."

The authorized Directory school, located in this city, solicits from its friends, particularly provision dealers and dry goods merchants necessary and useful articles for the table and household. The domestic department is low under the charge of a lady of high personal character, and experience in the management of similar responsibilities.—Bishop Whittingham, of Maryland, who was the appointed preacher of the opening sermon at the approaching session of the General Convention in this city, has, in view of his infirm health, engaged the Bishop of Montreal to perform that service.

METHODIST.

HELPING THEMSELVES.—The Western Christian Advocate says: "It is told to the praise of our Indian mission on Pine-River, Michigan Conference, that they have just built a church for themselves, bringing the logs in some cases from distances of three miles; they hewed them square, and dovetailed them at the corners, making a comfortable house. These same Indian members are also organized to promote the missionary cause." They raised twenty-three dollars last year.

CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.—A dispatch from Cincinnati, Friday, Sept. 15th, says:—"The Kentucky Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in session, adopted, by a vote of 37 against 25, the minority report, which expressed willingness to revise, through the General Conference only any overture-looking toward reunion. The majority report directly favored reunion. Seventeen of the Union-men asked to be located by resigning ministerial franchises. Others resigned their seats.

ITEMS.—The Philadelphia Conference, (comprising, we believe, a territory covering Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, and part of Maryland,) has held a Conference Sabbath School Convention in this city, commencing on Tuesday week.—The Hancock Street and Hestonville M. E. Church edifices in this city, have recently been re-painted and re-fitted, and are again open.—The Lowell Wesleyan University, during the present year, offers free tuition to all honorably discharged soldiers within the patronizing bounds of the institution.—Bishop Kingsley is on the Pacific coast, attending the Conference in that part of the Republic.—Pastor Hedstrom, of the Swedish Bethel Mission, East River, New York, says that his protracted meeting, now of twenty-one years' progress, is still going on, sailors constantly coming to the altar of prayer, and some of them finding peace in believing.—The M. E. Church in Peckskill, New Jersey, has recently received sixty-two persons into full membership.—The Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church has occurred in the call issued by the late convention of non-Episcopal Methodists, for a second convention to fix upon a place of union of such bodies in one ecclesiastical organization.

LUTHERAN.

TRANSFER OF A PASTOR.—The Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Pa., has suffered a painful loss in the removal of its much beloved and popular pastor, Rev. A. C. Wedekind, to an important pastorate in the same ecclesiastical connection in the city of New York. Mr. Wedekind for a time resisted the call, and only yielded when the duty became plainly imperative. He leaves Lancaster with regret, and his late charge have given unequivocal testimonials of their sorrow for his departure.

A NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH IN GERMAN-TOWN.—The corner-stone of a new (German) Lutheran Church was laid at Germantown, Pa., on August 5th. The building is located on the corner of Herman and Morton streets, and is to be in size 32 by 50 feet. The lower room is to be used for a daily and Sabbath school; the upper room is intended for Divine service, and will accommodate about 300 persons. The building, with lot and all the necessary outfit, will cost about \$6300. The congregation numbers about fifty members, mostly poor people; still under the guidance of the pastor elect, Rev. William Kish, (natively of Germany,) it may, and we trust will, increase. The subscription so far amounts to about \$1700, principally raised in Germantown, and, as there remains a great deal to be done yet, we recommend this enterprise to the Christian benevolence of our churches. The principal subscriptions thus far, have been made by members or other denominations, who very liberally cooperate with this new congregation.—Lutheran.

ITEMS.—The corner-stone of a new Lutheran church edifice, on the corner of Fifteenth and Ogden Streets, in this city, was laid on the 1st inst., with appropriate services in the English and German languages.—A new church edifice was dedicated in Scotland, on the 27th ult.—Rev. J. Winecott preached the sermon.—Rev. John K. Pitt has resigned his pastorate at Greenwuch, N. J.—Rev. O. B. Estreim, a worthy young Norwegian clergyman, was called away from his present pastorate in Decorah, Iowa, by the Augustana Synod, to the responsible position of Norwegian professor at the college and seminary in Paxton, For. Co., Ill.—The corner-stone of a new German Lutheran Church in Baltimore, was laid on the 10th inst.—Mr. David Bloom, an earnest member of the Lutheran Church in Lewistown, Pa.; recently deceased, left to the church a legacy of \$5000.—Rev. A. A. Trimper was, on the 10th inst., installed over the church at Dixon, Ill., one of the strongest Lutheran churches in Northern Illinois.—A new Lutheran church edifice is in course of erection in New Franklin, Ill., ten miles east of Dixon.

MARRIAGES.

KOPLIN—MURRAY.—October 1st, 1865, by Rev. Robert Adair, Mr. William Koplin to Miss Maria E. Murray, both of Norristown, Pa.

Special Notices.

Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society, will hold its Hundred and Thirtieth meeting in the West Spruce Street Presbyterian Church, corner of Seventeenth and Spruce Streets, (Rev. W. P. Bress, Pastor), on Sabbath evening, October 8th, at eight o'clock. Interesting facts will be brought before the meeting. Special addresses will be made. Public invited. JOSEPH H. SCHREIBER, Agent. Office, 115 South Seventh Street.

Synod of Pennsylvania.—THE SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA will meet on the THURSDAY, the 17th of October, at 7 o'clock P. M., in the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. Opening services by the Moderator, Rev. B. H. Hotchkiss. WM. E. MOORE, Secretary. 1011-3. Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Harrisburg stands adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, in Danbury, on the Friday (October 13th) before the next meeting of Synod (October 17th), at 7 o'clock in the evening, when it is to be opened with a sermon, by Rev. J. E. Niles.

Synod of Western Reserve.—The next Meeting of the Synod of Western Reserve will be held at Huron, Lorain County, Ohio, Friday, October 13th, 1865. The Sessions commence at two o'clock P. M., with public worship. Sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Frank Magrinn.

By order of Synod, XENOPHON BETTS, Secretary. VINCENNA, O., Sept. 8th, 1865. Stated Clerk.